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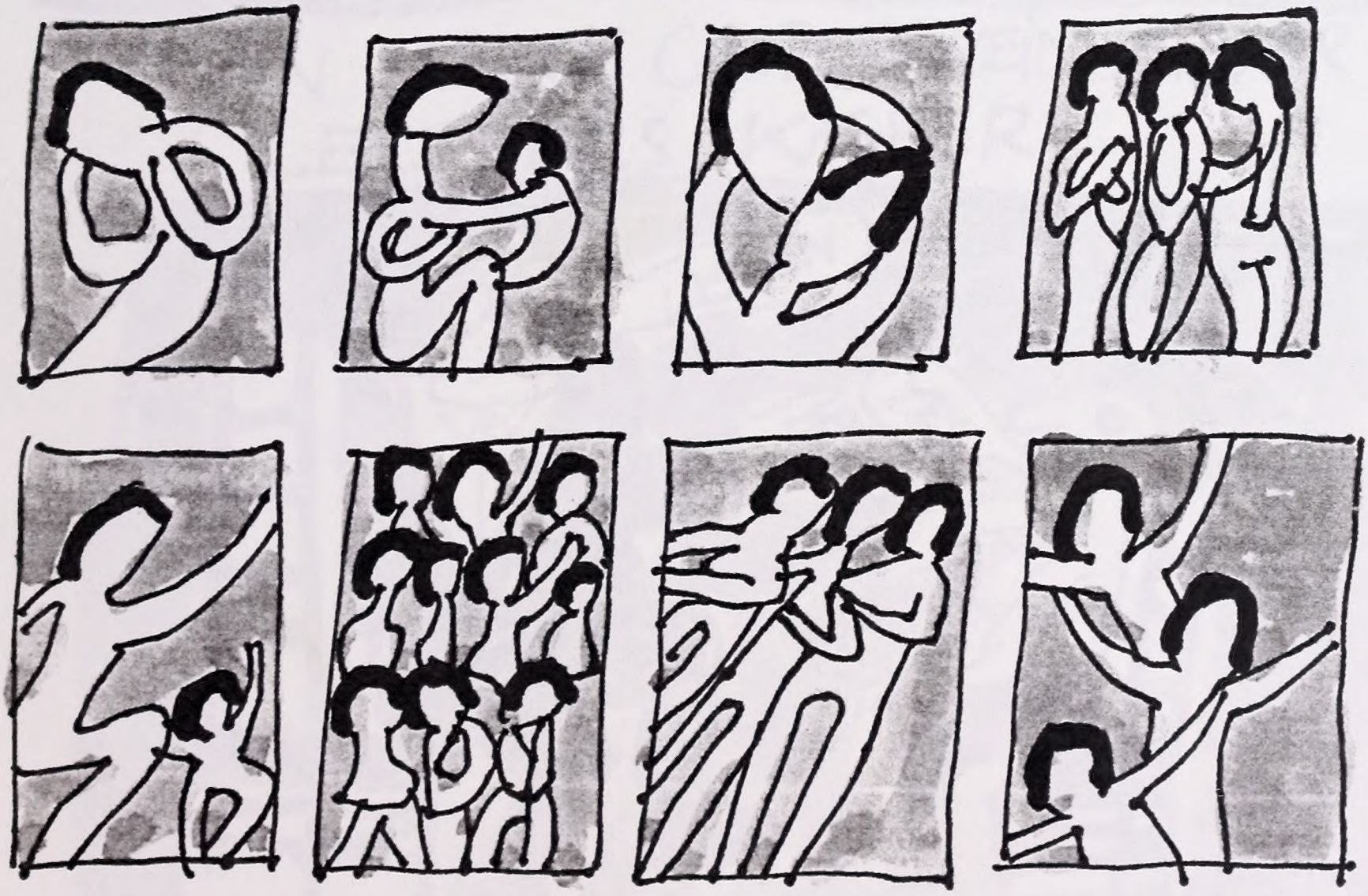

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CHAPTER ONE

IN WHICH CASPER WEINBERGER LECTURES KASPER

KASPER VISITS HIS UNCLE CASPER WEINBERGER FORMER US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO GET RID OF THE SUPERFLUOUS RURAL POPULATION

BY EXPANDING POLISH CITIES

HOW TO REMOVE INDIVIDUALS FROM THEIR PRESENT COMMUNITIES AND PLACE THEM IN CITIES

AND PLACE THEM IN CITIES WHERE LABOR ETHICS AND ATTITUDES OF ADVANCEMENT ARE BETTER ESTABLISHED

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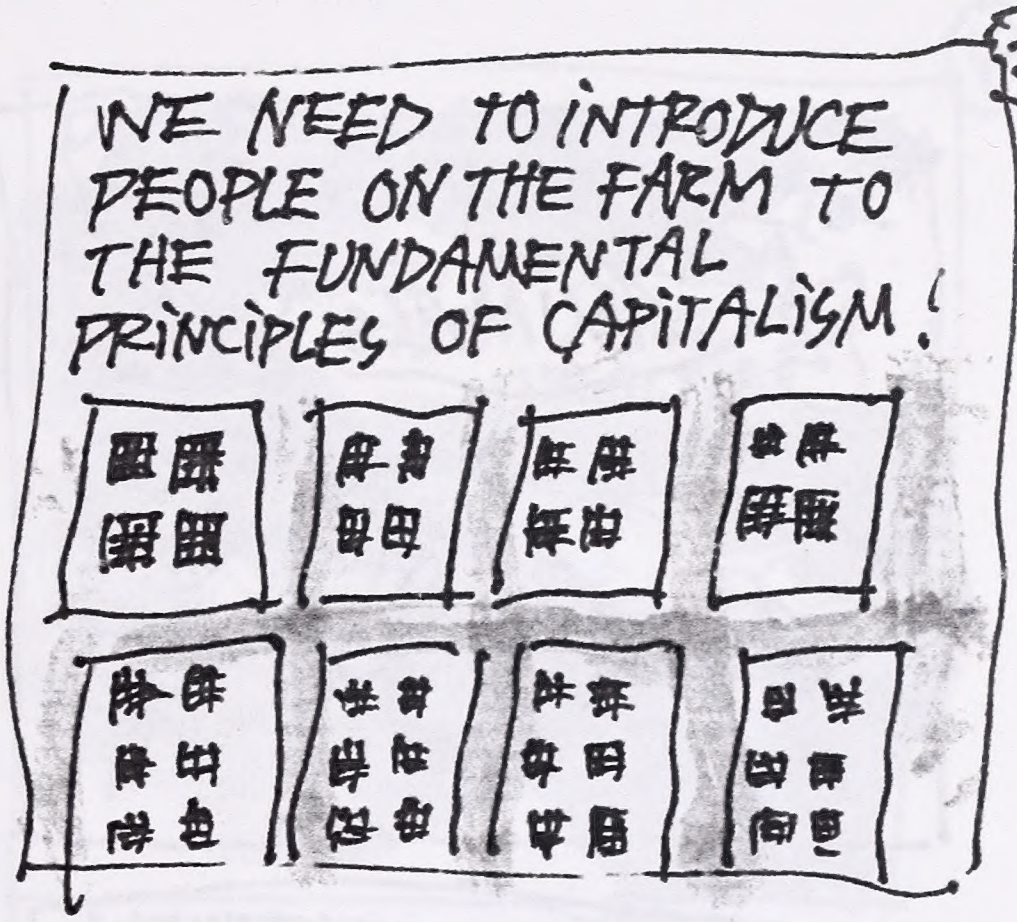
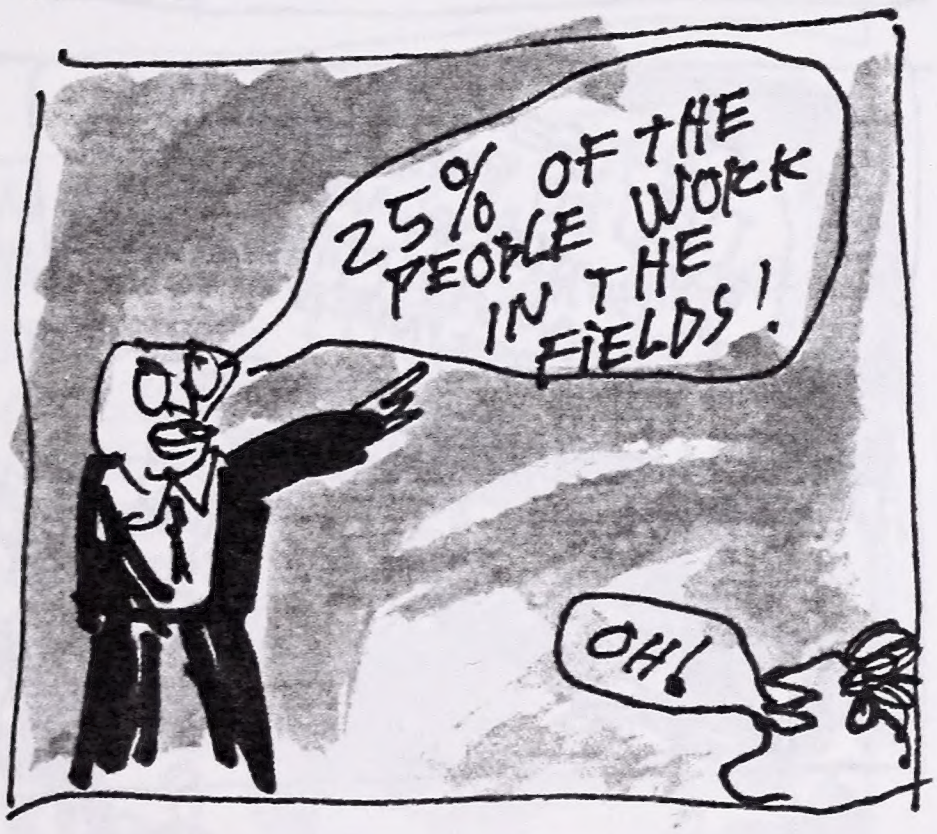
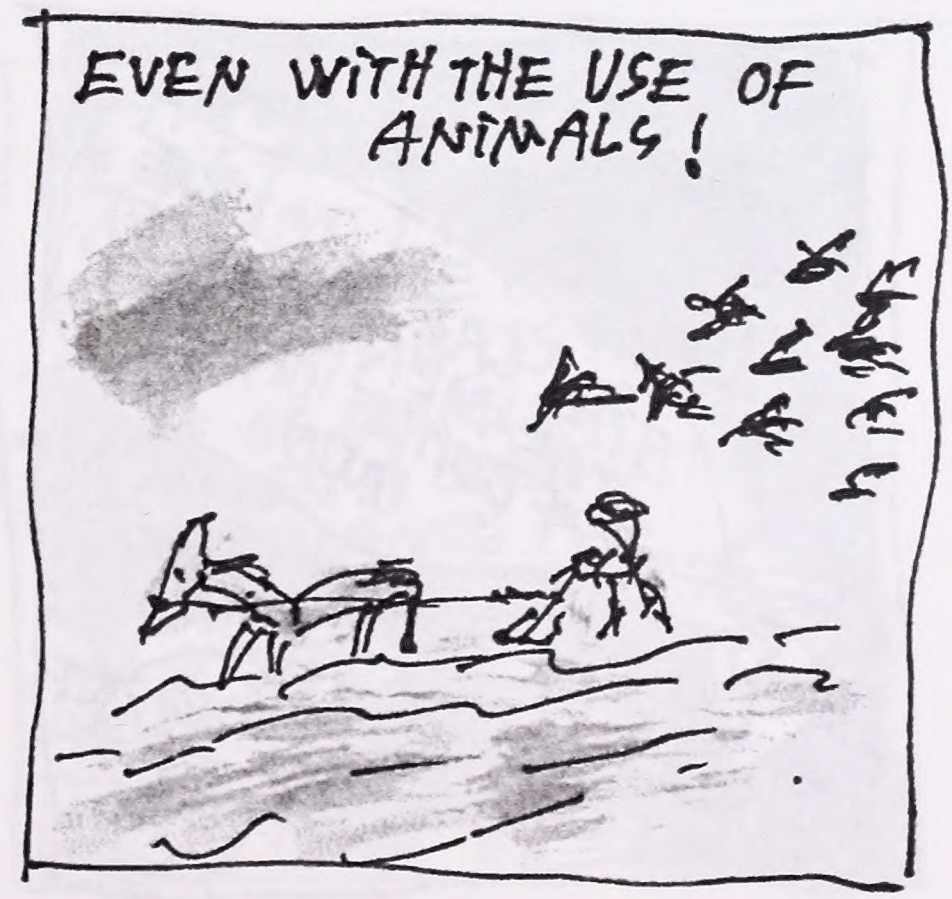

WE NEED TO INTRODUCE PEOPLE ON THE FARM TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF CAPITALISM!


25% OF THE PEOPLE WORK IN THE FIELDS!
OH!

LABOR IS DONE MANUALLY!

WITH PRIMITIVE TOOLS!


EVEN WITH THE USE OF ANIMALS!

ANIMALS

TO YOU WASPERI

UNCLE

BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY FERTILE SOIL A POLISH FAMILY MAY DECIDE THAT FOR THE NEXT 3 DAYS THEY WON'T DO ANY WORK.

OH!

THEY SEND THE KIDS TO THE STORE FOR A BOTTLE OF VODKA AND GO ON A RITUAL DRINKING BINGE

NO!

THE LADIES CURSE THE MEN AND GET A BOTTLE OF THEIR OWN

HA-HA!

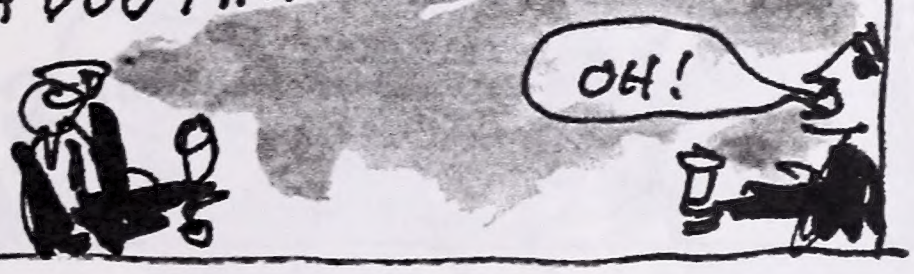
POLISH YOUNGSTERS ARE TAUGHT TO APPRECIATE THEIR PARENTS' LACK OF VIRTUE MORE THAN THEIR OWN DESIRES

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

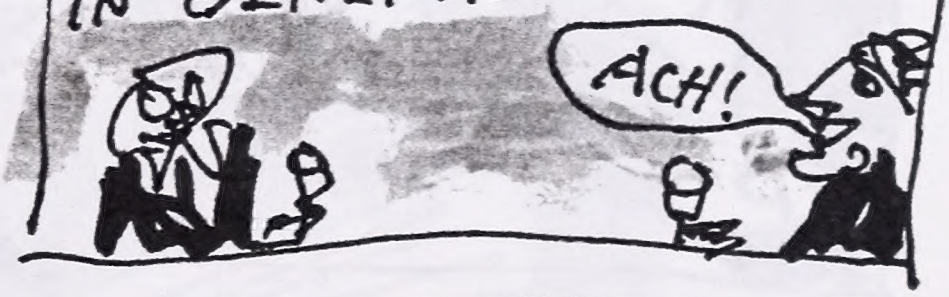
THERE IS REALLY NO LIMIT TO HOW MUCH THE POLISH FARMER WILL DENIGRATE HIS FAMILY TO MAINTAIN HIS LIFESTYLE

PERSONAL FREEDOM BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT AND VALUED IN SUCH A SOCIETY THAN MATERIAL WEALTH!

IN THE U.S. AND EUROPE PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE PERSONAL FREEDOM ABOVE ALL ELSE END UP LIVING UNDER BRIDGES AND ARE GENERALLY SHUNNED BY SOCIETY. IN POLAND THEY HAVE A FAMILY A DOG AND 10 ACRES OF LAND



THE ENTIRE CAPITALIST AND RESPONSIBLE LIFESTYLE THAT IS CATCHING ON IN THE BIG CITIES OF POLAND IS THREATENING TO RURAL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACCUSTOMED TO A HAPHAZARD DEVIL-MAY-CARE ATTITUDE TOWARDS MONEY AND LIFE IN GENERAL



JUST A MINUTE! I AM LEWIS MUMFORD. LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE CITY! THE CITY, IN ITS FINAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, BECOMES A COLLECTIVE CONTRIVANCE FOR MAKING THIS IRRATIONAL SYSTEM WORK AND FOR GIVING THOSE WHO ARE IN REALITY ITS VICTIMS

THE ILLUSION OF POWER, WEALTH AND FELICITY, OF STANDING AT THE VERY PINNACLE OF HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT. BUT IN ACTUAL FACT THEIR LIVES ARE CONSTANTLY IN PERIL, THEIR WEALTH IS TASTELESS AND EPHEMERAL, THEIR LEISURE IS SENSATIONALLY MONOTONOUS AND THEIR PATHETIC FELICITY IS TAINTED BY CONSTANT WELL-JUSTIFIED ANTICIPATIONS OF VIOLENCE AND SUDDEN

DEATH. INCREASINGLY THEY FIND THEMSELVES "STRANGERS AND AFRAID" IN A WORLD THEY NEVER MADE: A WORLD EVER LESS RESPONSIVE TO DIRECT HUMAN COMMAND, EVER MORE EMPTY OF HUMAN MEANING.

CHAPTER TWO

BUT KASPER TAKES ADVICE FROM LEWIS MUMFORD AND

TRA-LALA

I WANT TO GO

OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY

TO THE IRRESPONSIBLE LIFE STYLE

TO THE LACK-OF-VIRTUE-PEOPLE

TO THE BIRDS

i WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE BUMBLEBEES

AND THE SQUIRRELS

AND THEN i WANT TO JOIN THAT RITUAL DRINKING BINGE

TILL iAM READY TO ADDRESS THE RIDICULOUS REALITY

BECAUSE THE WORLD IS ONLY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH LAUGHTER

AND THE KINGS AND QUEENS WHO LIVE UNDER BRIDGES ARE READY TO GET UP

AND I MYSELF AM A GETTER-UPPER

AND A SECRET TEACHER OF SUNRISES

BECAUSE SUNRISES REQUIRE VERY SPECIAL BEHAVIOR WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE OF CITIZEN'S BEHAVIOR

AND IS A VERY SLOW DANCE WITH THE HELP OF A YELLOW FLAG

AND THEN THE BIG BEAST IN WHOSE BELLY KASPER LIVES BELCHES

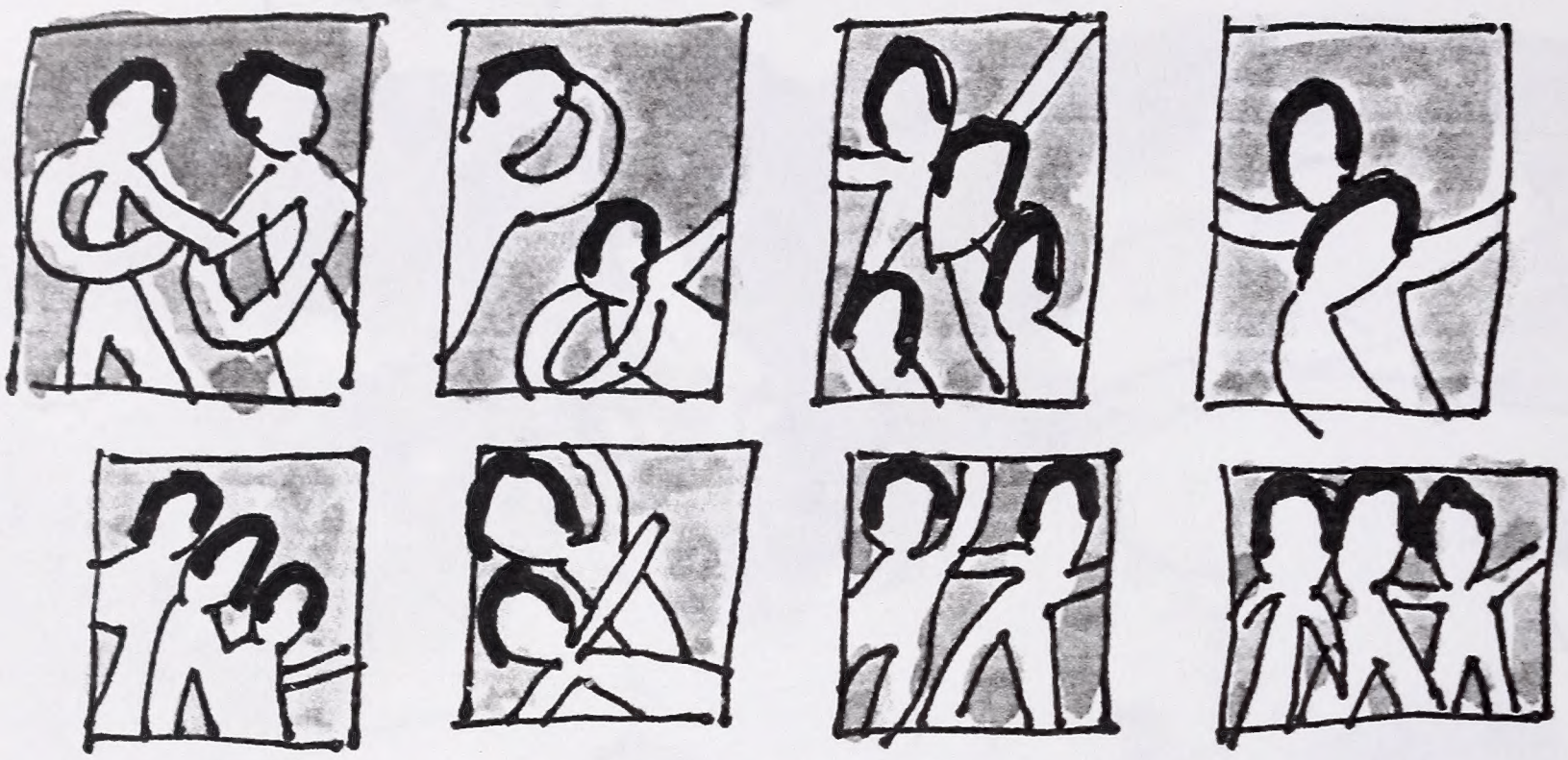
BELCH

AND PUKES

AND MANY KASPERS

POUR ALL OVER THE PLACE

THE END



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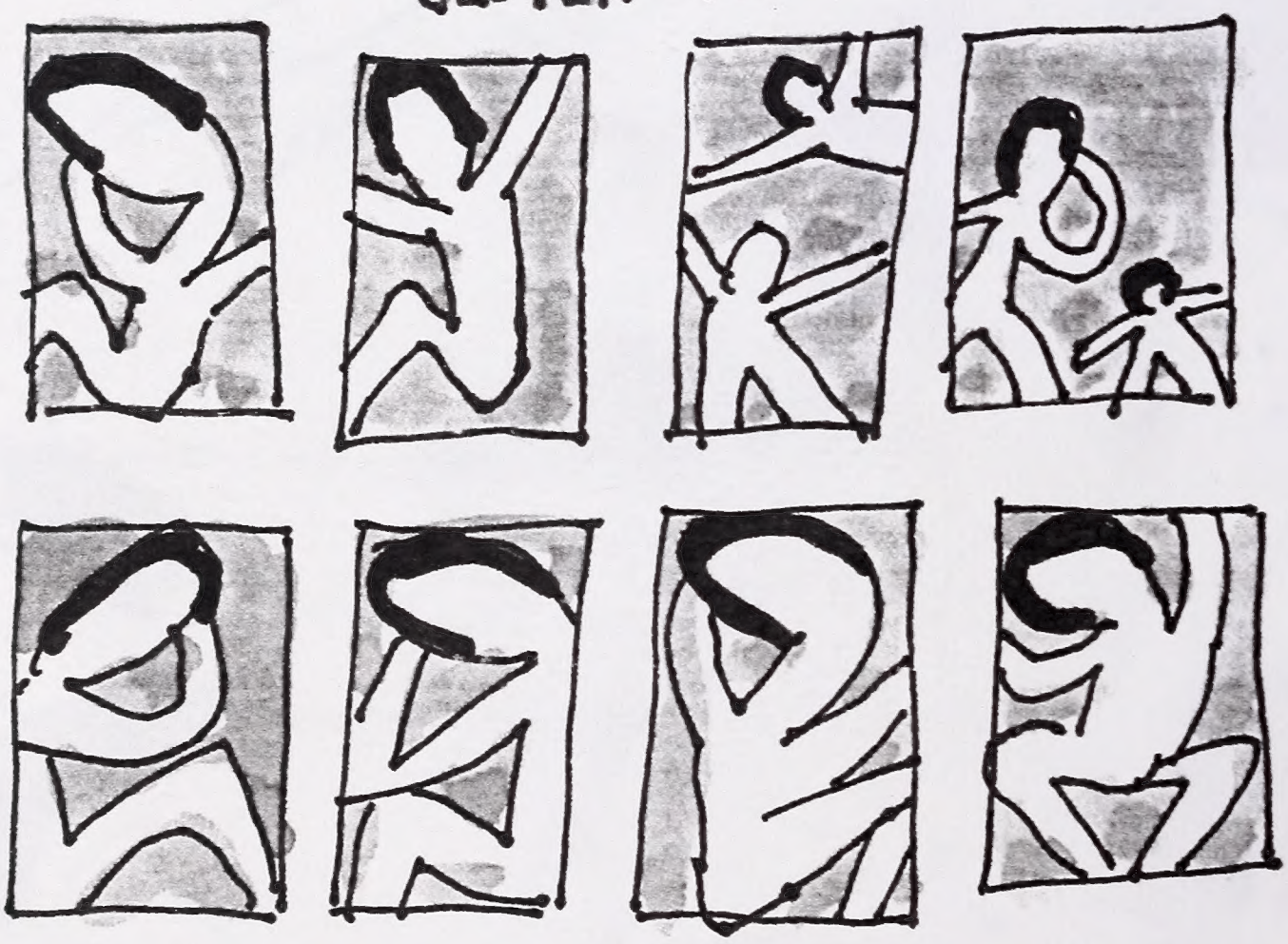

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